

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as set forth below.

5. Method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that at that stage when the load applied to the reeling shaft (1) is transferred from the initial reeling device (9) to the loading device, within a given time the loading caused by the initial reeling device (9) is reduced from a given initial value nearly down to zero or to zero at the same time when the loading of the loading device is increased from zero to a given final value.

7. Method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that during the initial reeling the reeling shaft (1) is kept in the locking jaws (3) of the initial reeling device (9), and during the transfer of the load the pivotable guide jaws (8) of the reeling carriages (6) or the like movable by means of the loading actuators (11) start to load the reeling shaft (1).

Please add the following new claims.

8. A method for changing the linear load on a reel-up which includes an initial reeling device, a reeling shaft, a surface drive apparatus and a loading device for a reeling process which takes place after said initial reeling, the method comprising the steps:

winding a web around a reeling shaft at an initial reeling device to form a reel;

moving said reeling shaft and reel formed thereon from the initial reeling device to said loading device;

adjusting a loading part of said loading device so that said loading part is in a non-loading state;

placing said reel in contact with said loading part while said loading part is in said non-loading state.

9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

continuously winding said web around the reeling shaft to thereby increase a diameter of said reel until said reel is placed in contact with said loading part of said loading device.
